



U.S. Consulate General

Guayaquil, Ecuador

Please follow the steps below ***before*** your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate in Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Step 1: Register your appointment online

You need to register your appointment online **before** attending your interview. Registering your appointment provides us with the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview. *Registration is free.* You must complete this requirement for all applicants applying for a visa. Failure to comply with this instruction prior to attending your interview will result in not being allowed to enter the consulate and will delay your process. Click the “Register” button below to register.

Register

Step 2: Schedule a medical exam in Ecuador

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Ecuador. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors before your interview.

Medical Exam Instructions

Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required **original** documents to your interview. We’ve created a checklist that will tell you what to bring. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

Pre-Interview Checklist

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take ***before*** your visa interview.

Interview Guidelines

Contact information

U.S. Consulate General Guayaquil
Santa Ana St. and Jose Rodriguez
Bonin Avenue
Guayaquil, Guayas

Phone:
[Call Center](#)

Email:
IVguayaquil@state.gov

Website:
ec.usembassy.gov

Cancel and Reschedule:
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Medical Exam Instructions



All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to the issuance of a visa. Only a physician accredited by the U.S. Consulate can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Consulate. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

QUITO

Dr. RODRIGO SOSA
Alemania N 30-10 Y Eloy Alfaro
Edificio Fortune Plaza
Torre Alemania, Piso 11
Telephone 02-3801601 02-3801602

GUAYAQUIL

Dr. JORGE CHEHAB
Vélez 503 y Boyacá
2do Piso
Oficina 202
Telephone 04-2532092 04-2513663

Items to bring to your medical examination

The doctor will need the following items to complete the medical exam forms:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Six (6) recently taken passport-sized color photographs,
- A copy of your immunization records, and
- Completed questionnaire "[Información del Solicitante](#)," which can be found on the next page.

Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician:

ADULTS (15 years old and older):

USD\$ 250 (chest x-ray, screening test for syphilis and gonorrhea, and medical exam)

CHILDREN (14 years old and under):

USD\$ 210 for **2-14 years old** (blood test and medical exam)
USD\$ 60 **under 2 years old** (medical exam)

During the medical exam

Applicants must have their medical exam performed **at least seven days prior to their immigrant visa appointment**. The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, chest X-ray, and screening test for syphilis and gonorrhea (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States also requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for applicants two years of age and older. If the test is positive, applicants will be required to have a chest X-ray and in some cases need to go through a complementary treatment. Please be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments you are undergoing. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available [here](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available [here](#). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements [online](#).

After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview. Any x-rays taken will be given to you. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-rays to your visa interview unless you suffer from tuberculosis (TB). However, you **must** carry the x-rays with you when you travel to the United States for the first time. The medical report must be less than six months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

Medical Exam Instructions



INFORMACIÓN DEL SOLICITANTE

Nombre:

1. Dirección actual de residencia (LETRA IMPRENTA)

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____

Código Postal: _____

2. Dirección en Estados Unidos donde tiene intenciones de viajar (LETRA IMPRENTA)

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____

Estado: _____

Código Postal: _____

3. Correo electrónico: _____

4. Teléfonos convencionales y celulares: _____

5. Ha vivido en el exterior por más de 6 meses: ☐ SI ☐ NO

En qué país? _____

6. Vacunación:

Es alérgico al huevo ☐ SI ☐ NO

Alguna vez ha tenido alguna reacción alérgica al aplicarse vacunas ☐ SI ☐ NO

Tiene alguna alergia severa ☐ SI ☐ NO

Tiene alguna contraindicación para la aplicación de vacunas ☐ SI ☐ NO

Le ha dado varicela ☐ SI ☐ NO

7. Categoría de visa: _____

8. Fecha de cita en el consulado: _____

9. Se ha realizado exámenes anteriores para visa de residencia? ☐ SI ☐ NO

PARA MUJERES:

10. Está embarazada ☐ SI ☐ NO

11. Fecha de última menstruación: _____

12. Fecha de nacimiento de todos sus hijos: _____

DECLARO QUE TODO LO CONTESTADO EN ESTE FORMULARIO ES VERDAD,

Firma del aplicante

Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



Please use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview. If you previously submitted any original documents to NVC, you are not required to bring a duplicate to your interview.

- ☐ A copy of your NVC interview letter (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- ☐ Unexpired passport valid for six months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States.
- ☐ Two (2) color passport-size photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 inch x 2 inch). Please review our [online photo requirements](#).
- ☐ Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at ceac.state.gov/iv.
- ☐ Your **original** birth certificate. The acceptable documents are “*Inscripción de Nacimiento*” or “*Certificado de Nacimiento*” issued by the National Civil Registry **and** “*Libro de Nacimientos*” issued by the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil. The following documents are not acceptable: “*Partida de Nacimiento*” issued by the National Civil Registry and “*Certificado de Nacimiento*” issued by the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil.
- ☐ [Medical examination](#) results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).
- ☐ *If you are older than 16 years of age, you must submit a police certificate from the following locations:*

From your...	If you are...	And resided there...
Country of nationality (if Ecuador)	At least 18 years of age	At least 6 months
Country of nationality (if not Ecuador)	At least 16 years of age	At least 6 months
Country of residency	At least 16 years of age	At least 6 months
Country of previous residency	At least 16 years of age	At least 1 year

Instructions for getting an Ecuadorian police certificate are online at ministeriodelinterior.gob.ec. Note that Ecuadorian police certificates are valid for only 90 days. Police certificates from the United States are **not** required.

- ☐ If you have been issued any type of non-immigrant visa to the United States (for example, tourist, student or work visas) bring your passport containing the visa to your interview.

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:

For family-based visa applications:

- ☐ The appropriate [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) for **each** financial sponsor along with a photocopy of the sponsor’s IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return, and any relevant W-2s. Form I-864 must be signed in **original**.
- ☐ Proof of your U.S. petitioner’s status (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card) and [domicile](#) in the United States.
- ☐ Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant. **For marital relationship cases:** photographs, letters, emails, birth certificates of children born of the marriage, etc. **For child, parent, or sibling relationship cases:** baptismal, hospital or birth records; childhood immunization or school records; and photographs, letters or emails.

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Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



- ☐ *If you are married:* Your **original** marriage certificate. The acceptable documents are “*Inscripción de Matrimonio*” or “*Certificado de Matrimonio*” issued by the National Civil Registry **and** “*Libro de Matrimonios*” issued by the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil. The following document is not acceptable: “*Certificado de Matrimonio*” issued by the Corporación Registro Civil de Guayaquil..
- ☐ *If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce certificate or spouse’s death certificate. If the marriage took place in Ecuador, the acceptable document is the marriage certificate as indicated above with the appropriate divorce amendment. “*Acta de Divorcio*” issued by the Ecuadorian Court is not an acceptable document.
- ☐ *For employment-based visa applications:* Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.
- ☐ *If you have ever been convicted of a crime:* Bring all documents related to previous encounters with law enforcement, regardless of the outcome of the case.
- ☐ *If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, English translation, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are the petitioner’s stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent. Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and biological parent (such as birth certificates of any children born of the marriage, photographs, utility bills or rent receipts, lease/mortgage and bank/credit accounts held jointly).

Interview Guidelines



Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please go to ais.usvisa-info.com to select a new appointment date. You may also email IVguayaquil@state.gov. **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so please attempt to attend the date already assigned. For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year. **There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview.** Please carefully consult the [Visa Bulletin](#) before you decide to reschedule your interview.

Please note: *You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.*

Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Consulate in Guayaquil must follow certain security procedures. Applicants may not enter the building with anything other than the documents needed for their visa application. Purses, backpacks, cell phones, electronic devices, cigarettes, food and beverages are prohibited. There is no storage at the consulate. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Consulate security personnel will be unable to enter the consulate.

Accompanying persons

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Spanish well enough to participate in an interview.
- Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.

Although petitioners are not required to attend the visa interview they may accompany applicants to their interview. Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to either the National Visa Center or via the appointment website, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview. All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars. We accept cash and international credit cards only. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found [here](#).

Do not make travel plans outside of Ecuador

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. We will return your passport **in approximately 10 business days** from your interview date at the courier location you previously selected at the time of appointment registration.

After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. ***There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa.*** Do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because he/she needs to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. *When additional documents are requested*, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents. The letter will include instructions on how to send those documents to the consulate.

Administrative processing takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait **at least** 60 days after your interview.

What happens after visa approval

Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. ***Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage.*** If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

USCIS Immigrant Fee – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay a \$165.00 Immigrant Fee** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **prior to traveling** to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a K visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six months from the date of printing. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Children who turn 21 years old *after* visa issuance must enter the United States before they turn 21 years old; otherwise they will lose their immigrant status.

Getting a Green Card – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you write in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *Do not travel outside of the United States until you receive your Permanent Resident Card. Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

Children's Issues – Children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school in the United States. Therefore, we recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. Additionally, if your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with the child's other parent, we recommend that you bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will likely need these papers (translated into English) in the United States for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

Information for New Immigrants – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "[Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#)" online.

Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all of the above instructions apply to you. Please schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview; enroll in the required courier service; and gather the required documents.

*Below are additional instructions that apply **only** to DV applicants.*

Bring to your interview

In addition to the documents listed on the Pre-Interview Checklist in this package, DV applicants should also bring the following items to your visa interview:

- ☐ Appointment information printed from the “Entrant Status Check” on the [E-DV website](#).
- ☐ Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education **OR** have two years of qualifying work experience in the last five years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available [online](#)).
- ☐ Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee.

Review your DV Lottery entry

Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your natural children, your spouse’s children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

Failure to have listed an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family. Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements [online](#).